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New Arts College for Tiruchirappalli

* 166. Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of DR. T. V. Sivanandam : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri E. V. Ramaswami Naicker has given Rs. 5,00,000 to the Chief Minister to start an Arts College at Tiruchirappalli; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

Cash.—Rs. 3,50,000.

Kinds.—Property known as "Lanka House" which comprises one building and 9.65 acres of land valued at about Rs. 2 lakhs.

(b) An Arts College under the Management of Government has been opened in Tiruchirappalli.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the capital expenditure involved in opening the college?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The assessment has not been made of the total expenditure that would be involved.

DD H. V. HANDE : Is it a first grade college or a second grade college ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : For the present it is a P.U.C. College.

Celebration of the Birth day of Congress President.

* 167. Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of Sri K. Kamaraj, President, All India Congress Committee, and for presenting him a purse, the official machinery of the District Administration and Local Bodies, has been utilised recently ;

(b) whether any Minister collected funds for this purpose ;

(c) whether any Ministers have participated in the birthday celebrations ;

(d) if so, whether any travelling or daily allowance was drawn by them from the Government funds for their trips : and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

All the Ministers attended the Birthday celebrations.

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(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Municipal administration and the municipal officers were used for the collection of funds for the above celebrations ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That may be a fact for the hon. Member, but I have no such information.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is it a fact that the municipal funds were utilised for constructing arches and these were also put up in a hurried way before the civil court order could be pronounced ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir. If the hon. Member wants any further information, he may put a question to the Hon. the Minister in charge of Local Administration.

Sri K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Is there any prohibition, Sir, in a democracy against Ministers collecting funds for the party ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That depends upon the party directions and party advice.

Dr. H. V. HANDE : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Hon. Ministers officially went very near a point to the place where these Birth Day celebrations were to be held and claimed travelling allowance, and from there attended the celebrations ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is all in the imagination of the hon. Member.

Accidents in motor traffic

* 168. *Q.*—Sri K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of accidents in which motor vehicles were involved in the State during 1964–65;

(*b*) the number of accidents that proved fatal ; and

(*c*) the steps taken to reduce the number of accidents ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The number of motor vehicle accidents that occurred in the State during 1964–65 is as follows :—

Fatal	702
Major	1,249
Minor	4,957
Total	6,908

(*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 56–57 infra.